



April 4, 2014

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Board of Directors

Honorable Brian Sandoval , Governor
Honorable Brian Kroliki, Lieutenant Governor
Kim Wallin, State Controller
Frank Martin, District 1
Tom Skancke, District 1
Len Savage, District 2
Tom Fransway, District 3

Re: Request for Consideration to relinquish to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County water rights that are appurtenant to and associated with certain roadways owned by NDOT for assistance in satisfying the obligation in Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA)

Dear Governor Sandoval:

The City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County (“the Entities”), are writing to request your support and commitment to relinquish to the Entities, pursuant to NRS 408.527, the water rights that are appurtenant to and associated with the roads owned by NDOT.

NDOT believes it has up to 2700 acre feet of water rights associated with their roadways within the Truckee Meadows and it is understood that NDOT may need approximately 200 ac-ft for usage on future projects. The exact amount of water rights NDOT has title to would have to be researched and perfected. NDOT can relinquish their water rights to the Cities and County pursuant to NRS 408.527.

The Entities have an obligation to provide 6700 acre feet of water rights to benefit the Truckee River pursuant to 1 E. 4 of TROA. The Entities have acquired approximately 3200 acre feet of water rights associated with their respective streets; thus leaving a shortfall of approximately 3500 acre feet.

The Entities will cover the consultant fees and all State Engineer filing costs, estimated to be the sum of \$500,000 associated with research to prove title to the water rights owned by NDOT.

Relinquishment of the NDOT water rights to the Entities benefits flow and water quality of the Truckee River, the environment and the economic well being of the State and supports the implementation of TROA of which the State is a signator.

The Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County respectfully request that the NDOT Board consider and commit to relinquishing the water rights associated with their roadways within the Truckee Meadows to the Cities and County pursuant to NRS 408.527 in the interest of the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

City of Reno

City of Sparks

Washoe County

Robert A. Cashell, Sr.
Mayor

Geno Martini
Mayor

David Humke
Chairman